

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
CHARLOTTESVILLE DIVISION

Upon request of counsel, and it appearing proper to do so, it is hereby

ORDERED

that this case be **REFERRED** to the Honorable Joel S. Hoppe, United States Magistrate Judge for the Western District of Virginia, at Charlottesville, for conduct of mediation proceedings in this action. The parties are again advised that any information exchanged during the mediation shall be treated on a confidential basis, and shall not be shared with any other officer of the Court.

The United States Magistrate Judge shall schedule the mediation after consultation with the parties. If a party believes that a meaningful mediation cannot be conducted prior to a ruling on a dispositive motion, or until after completion of discovery, that party shall notify the mediator so that this circumstance may be considered in scheduling the mediation. Mediation of the case shall proceed independently of all other pretrial development. Mediation of the case shall not operate so as to modify or stay the scheduling provisions of any pretrial order.

The Clerk is directed to send certified copies of this Order to all counsel of record and to the Honorable Joel S. Hoppe, United States Magistrate Judge, Charlottesville, Virginia.

ENTER: This 17th day of November, 2020.

For Counsel

SENIOR UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE